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H. R. 1295

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make matching grants available to the States in order to encourage the establishment of State license plate programs to provide funds for the treatment of breast cancer, for research on such cancer, and for educational activities regarding such cancer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2001

Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. GRUCCI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Breast Cancer License
3 Plate Matching Grant Act of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) During 2001, 182,800 new cases of female
7 invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed, and 40,800
8 women will die from the disease. In addition, 1,400
9 male cases are projected to be diagnosed, and 400
10 men will die from the disease.

11 (2) Breast cancer is the second leading cause of
12 cancer death among all women and the leading
13 cause of cancer death among women between ages
14 40 and 55.

15 (3) Breast cancer is the most common form of
16 cancer among women, excluding skin cancers.

17 (4) Each year thousands of women and men
18 who cannot afford treatment are diagnosed with
19 breast cancer.

20 (5) Early detection of breast cancer is the best
21 protection. However, there is no benefit of early de-
22 tection if adequate treatment cannot be obtained.

23 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-
24 lows:

25 (1) To promote the creation of specialized li-
26 cense plates for breast cancer awareness and re-

1 search or treatment programs by providing matching
2 grants to States that develop and fund such license
3 plate programs.

4 (2) To provide an incentive for States to de-
5 velop a program similar to the Breast Cancer Li-
6 cense Plate program in California, which authorizes
7 special breast cancer license plates for an increased
8 fee with a portion of that fee being expended to as-
9 sist low-income breast cancer victims in affording
10 treatment or to increase research funding.

11 (3) To continue the partnerships among the
12 Federal Government, State governments, and indi-
13 viduals in raising awareness about breast cancer
14 among all Americans.

15 **SEC. 3. MATCHING GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF**
16 **STATE LICENSE PLATE PROGRAMS REGARD-**
17 **ING BREAST CANCER.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services may make grants to States for the pur-
20 pose of assisting the States with the costs of establishing
21 programs under which—

22 (1) the State involved develops a vehicle license
23 plate that displays a message devised by the State
24 to indicate support for programs that respond to the
25 problem of breast cancer;

1 (2) from fees paid by residents of the State for
2 such license plates, the State reserves funds for the
3 purpose described in subsection (b); and

4 (3) the State carries out activities to make resi-
5 dents of the State aware of the license plate and the
6 relationship between the license plate and breast
7 cancer programs.

8 (b) FUNDING FOR BREAST CANCER PROGRAMS.—

9 The purpose referred to in subsection (a)(2) is providing
10 funds to public or private entities for any or all of the
11 following:

12 (1) To assist individuals who have breast cancer
13 in paying the costs of receiving treatment for the
14 cancer.

15 (2) To carry out programs of research regard-
16 ing the prevention or treatment of breast cancer.

17 (3) To carry out activities to educate the public
18 on breast cancer.

19 (c) MATCHING FUNDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the costs of
21 the program to be carried out by a State with a
22 grant under subsection (a), the Secretary may make
23 such a grant only if the State agrees to make avail-
24 able (directly or through donations from public or
25 private entities) non-Federal contributions toward

1 such costs in an amount that is not less than 50
2 percent of such costs (\$1 for each \$1 provided in the
3 grant).

4 (2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT CONTRIB-
5 UTED.—Non-Federal contributions required in para-
6 graph (1) may be in cash or in kind, fairly evalu-
7 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.
8 Amounts provided by the Federal Government, or
9 services assisted or subsidized to any significant ex-
10 tent by the Federal Government, may not be in-
11 cluded in determining the amount of such non-Fed-
12 eral contributions.

13 (d) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
14 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the
15 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application
16 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
17 such agreements, assurances, and information as the Sec-
18 retary determines to be necessary to carry out this section.

19 (e) LIMITATION.—A State may not receive more than
20 one grant under subsection (a).

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

22 (1) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary
23 of Health and Human Services.

24 (2) The term “State” means each of the several
25 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth

1 of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Com-
2 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and
3 the Virgin Islands.

4 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
5 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
6 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
7 each of the fiscal years 2002 through 2004.

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